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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday called on Malaysians to develop the three Cs — capabilities, collaboration and creativity — as they are among the key elements at the heart of a modern, knowledge-driven economy.

“Fluency in these elements will place us on a solid foundation in confronting the daunting challenges as well as reaping the opportunities of the new millennium,” he said in his speech at the opening ceremony of ITEX '99 (Invention, Industrial Designs and Technology Exhibition) at the MINES International Exhibition Centre yesterday.

His speech was delivered by Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding.

A number of specific R & D schemes have been introduced aimed at sharing the risks with industry in undertaking an uncertain activity.

The response to these schemes has been very encouraging and the Government would consider increasing the allocation to the R & D schemes under the next plan, Dr Mahathir said.

However, he said the Government noticed the problem of low research utilisation in the public research system.

The Government hoped that more research findings and inventions would ultimately be commercialised, he added.